



## A Note From Mayor Hinshaw

Hello to all Indian Head Park Residents!

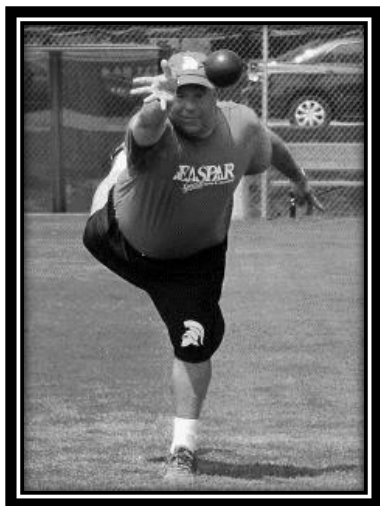
I hope everyone is having a summer filled with fun! With summer nearing the end, many of the Village's construction projects are in full swing. We have the 2019 Water Main Replacement Project (that is *affecting Waubensee, Blackhawk Trail south of Waubensee, East Gate (just off of Blackhawk Trail), Shabbona Lane, Tecumseh east of Shabbona, and Cochise Drive east of Osceola*) and the Road Improvement Project which will be repaving Cherrywood Court, Shawnee Trail, Algonquin Drive, Potawatomie Trail and Sauk Trail. Please find Construction Updates and more information on Page 5 of this Smoke Signals Edition or on our website at [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov).

In other news, you might have previously heard that the Village has also received an Invest in Cook County grant, and is in the midst of doing an engineering study on Wolf Road, with the study to be completed in summer of 2019. This study will show what our options are for sidewalks and roadway improvements for Wolf Road, and to possibly make Wolf Road a 'Complete Street'. We will be sharing this study with our residents as soon as we receive this. Please keep checking back to our website for details.

With construction, water main projects and other various improvements I want to personally invite you to our Town Hall Meeting on Construction Projects within the Village, which will be Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 6:00-7:00pm at Village Hall. The full staff will be present to answer any questions you might have about the improvements and construction, or to hear any comments, thoughts and ideas. As always, please feel free to reach out to me. The best way is through the Compliment & Concern Portal on our website, this way we can track the process of the request.

Sincerely, *Tom Hinshaw*

### \* MAYOR HINSHAW'S RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT \*



Mayor Hinshaw would like to recognize fellow Indian Head Park resident, Ron Kamper. Ron competed and won a gold medal in Bocce at the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games held in Bloomington-Normal, IL (June 7-9, 2019). Ron has been competing in Bocce for 4 years and has previously competed in Basketball and Softball. Overall Ron has competed in the Special Olympics for over 40 years, including the 1992 World Games. Ron has lived in Indian Head Park since 2013 and has been training with the South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR). Ron was one of 17 athletes trained by SEASPAR who won a combined 33 medals, 21 of which were gold. We want to congratulate Ron on his victory and participation at the Summer Games as well as all of the other SEASPAR athletes who competed at the 2019 Summer Games. (Pictured Left: Ron Kamper playing Bocce)

# Annual Picnic & Flick at Blackhawk Park!

## SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> – BLACKHAWK PARK

Indian Head Park will be hosting our Annual Picnic & Flick in the Park, along with SEASPAR on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Bring the family and come join us for fun with a cook out, a cotton-candy machine and more. The festivities begin around 6:30pm, so come and get a great spot at Blackhawk Park in the Acacia Subdivision. The movie that will be showing is Disney's "Mary Poppins Returns, which starts at sunset.



## New "Welcome to Indian Head Park" Sign at Arrowhead Point

The Village of Indian Head Park has installed a new welcome sign at Arrowhead Point, at the southeast corner of the intersection of Wolf and Plainfield Roads. In order to choose the design of the new sign, a contest was held in which participants submitted their design ideas and the winner received a \$500 prize. The winners of the contest were Sheldon and Mary Ann Redner and we congratulate them once again for their winning design, and thank all the participants of the contest. Funds used for the design competition and for the sign were donated by The Indian Head Park Homeowners Association for the purpose of park development. We are glad to see the donations put to good use to make a gateway to our Village.



*Above: The new "Welcome Sign" located at the southeast corner of Wolf & Plainfield Roads intersection.*

## UPCOMING Events AUGUST

### Thursday, August 22nd

Construction Town Hall Meeting  
6:00 - 7:00pm - Village Hall Board Room

### Saturday, August 24th

Pilates on the Green  
9:00am - Heritage Center

## SEPTEMBER

### Monday, September 2nd

Village Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day

### Saturday, September 14th

Picnic & Flick in the Park  
6:30pm - Blackhawk Park

COME JOIN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES  
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# RUN KELLI

Through the streets of Western Springs on **October 6<sup>th</sup>**

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(includes a shirt) and for additional information.

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Proceeds go to the KJO Memorial Foundation (501c3)

Additional information on the Foundation, go to

**[www.kjofund2.com](http://www.kjofund2.com)**

# Strawberry Angel Food Cake Jars

*Recipe by Justin Fuller IHP Water Superintendent*



## INGREDIENTS:

- 1, 7" angel food cake
  - 6 cups sliced strawberries (about 2lbs)
  - 1 pint heavy whipping cream
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1/4 cup powdered sugar
1. Slice angel food cake into 2" cubes then divide cubes in half. Divide each half into 6 portions then place 1 portion into the bottom of a 12-oz mason jar (you'll need 6 total.) Top with 1/2 cup sliced strawberries and a dollop (2-3 Tablespoons) of homemade whipped cream then repeat with remaining ingredients.
  2. For the homemade whipped cream: place the clean bowl of an electric mixer, or a large mixing bowl, into the freezer for 10 minutes. Fit the mixer with the whipping attachment then add whipping cream and vanilla to the chilled bowl. Whip the mixture on medium speed while gradually adding the powdered sugar then increase the speed to high and whip until cream can hold its shape, 2-3 minutes (do not over whip.) Refrigerate until ready to use.



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## Construction & Water Main Project Update



As part of our ongoing communications process, the Village of Indian Head Park invites you to a town hall meeting to discuss the status of the water main construction/road construction project in your neighborhood. We would like to update you as to the future schedule of activities and to hear your input as to

what we are doing right and where we can improve. The meeting will be August 22 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. At the Village Hall, 201 Acacia Drive. It will be an open format. Staff will be available to answer your questions.

As of today, August 2, installation of the new water main is winding down and should be completed before the end of next week. After that we will commence on switching individual homes to the water main. When this happens, you will be out of water for short period of time. Before we shut your water off, we will give you as much notice as possible so that you won't be caught off guard. All of this should be done by the end of August.

After this phase is completed, we will then be repaving the roads in the construction area. This will be completed by October 15.

**\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*\***

*Once you are connected to the new water main, it is important you run water from all of your faucets to help flush out any debris that might be in your service line. We suggest that you remove any faucet screens while this happens. Please run the water for several minutes.*

*As always, should you have any questions, please contact us at the Village Hall 708-246-3080*

## Municipal Adjudication Beginning in August

Starting in August 2019 the Village of Indian Head Park will be handling minor ordinance violations through the process of municipal adjudication. Going forward when a local violation occurs, rather than writing a citation and having the person appear at the Cook County Circuit Court in Bridgeview, the case will be addressed locally, through an administrative hearing at Indian Head Park's Village Hall. An administrative hearing is not as complex as a judicial court proceeding, and is more time and cost effective for all parties. The process expedites prosecutions, reduces expenses, and allows the Circuit Court to focus on the most serious offenses. Administrative Hearings follow a set structure to ensure fairness and due process of law and an adjudicator presides over all cases. The adjudicator is not a village employee, but an impartial, licensed Illinois attorney, who must meet strict state requirements to serve in this capacity. For any questions concerning this new process please contact the Village Administration at 708-246-3080 or by email at [Admin@indianheadpark-il](mailto:Admin@indianheadpark-il).



# **A Note from the Village Administrator on Sidewalks**

*Submitted by Administrator DuRocher*

As many of you may know, about two years ago, the Village applied for and received a grant for the total reconstruction of the Acacia Drive loop from the north entrance at Wolf Road to the south entrance at Wolf Road. This grant is ultimately from the Federal Government and is for the only street in the Village eligible for Federal funding. As part of this project, the Village included a sidewalk component. This is a competitive grant and our goal was to maximize our chances of getting this grant. One of the key aspects of any major grant of this type is the inclusion of ways to get people out of cars and either to walk or bike. Although we felt that our grant application was strong, because of the severe competitive nature of transportation grants, we added a sidewalk component to improve our chances. Being practical, the Village did NOT include the provision of sidewalks on both sides of Acacia but only one side. This project as it stands now will cost about \$1.3 million dollars (sidewalk on one side only) with the Village spending about \$300,000. The Village has a long range capital budget that has us spending an average of \$300,000 per year on roads. This is just enough to have us address all the roads in the Village over a 15 year period of time, which is about how long a road typically lasts before requiring major work. If the Village did not get this grant, then work on other roads would be delayed.

The sidewalk in Acacia is also part of a bigger picture to improve walkability in the Village. The Village Board has talked about the need for sidewalks in certain areas the Village for years. Recently the Village stopped just talking about it and created and approved a Master Sidewalk Plan for the Village. When fully implemented, it will allow a person to walk from the Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Bridge (the bridge over I-294 at Plainfield Road) along the south side of Plainfield Road to Wolf Road. At Wolf Road, one could either continue walking to the Highlands Middle/Grade schools or along Wolf Road all the way to the southern end of the Village. One will also be able to walk to Blackhawk Park, a five acre park designed to serve everyone in the Village including those on the west side of Wolf Road. The Master Plan includes the installation of Wolf Road crossings.

There are 241 students (grade and middle school children) who attend the Highlands grade/middle schools. Most of these children cannot walk to school without walking in the street. (72 live in the Acacia subdivision and 17 live in the Wilshire complex. These numbers do not include private school attendees nor high school students.) Since the school district does not provide bus transportation, one of our goals is to embrace the Safe Routes to School approach which encourages a healthy and active lifestyle while improving safety for all pedestrians getting to our schools and parks.

Please note that we are not forgetting the south side of the Village. The Master Sidewalk Plan includes connecting existing sidewalks along Wolf Road.

We are not putting in sidewalks on every street in the Village. That would be too expensive, but what we are trying to do is to give people the ability to walk no more than a couple of blocks in the street to get to a sidewalk. All of the sidewalks in our Master Plan are sidewalks which will require most of the funding coming from other sources. With the exception of Acacia Drive, all sidewalks proposed are either in the Cook County or State of Illinois right of way and will require their permission.

*Continued on next page, along with Master Sidewalk Plan rendering as of July 2019.*

**\*\*\* For a color copy of the Master Sidewalk Plan, please stop by Village Hall or refer to our website \*\*\***

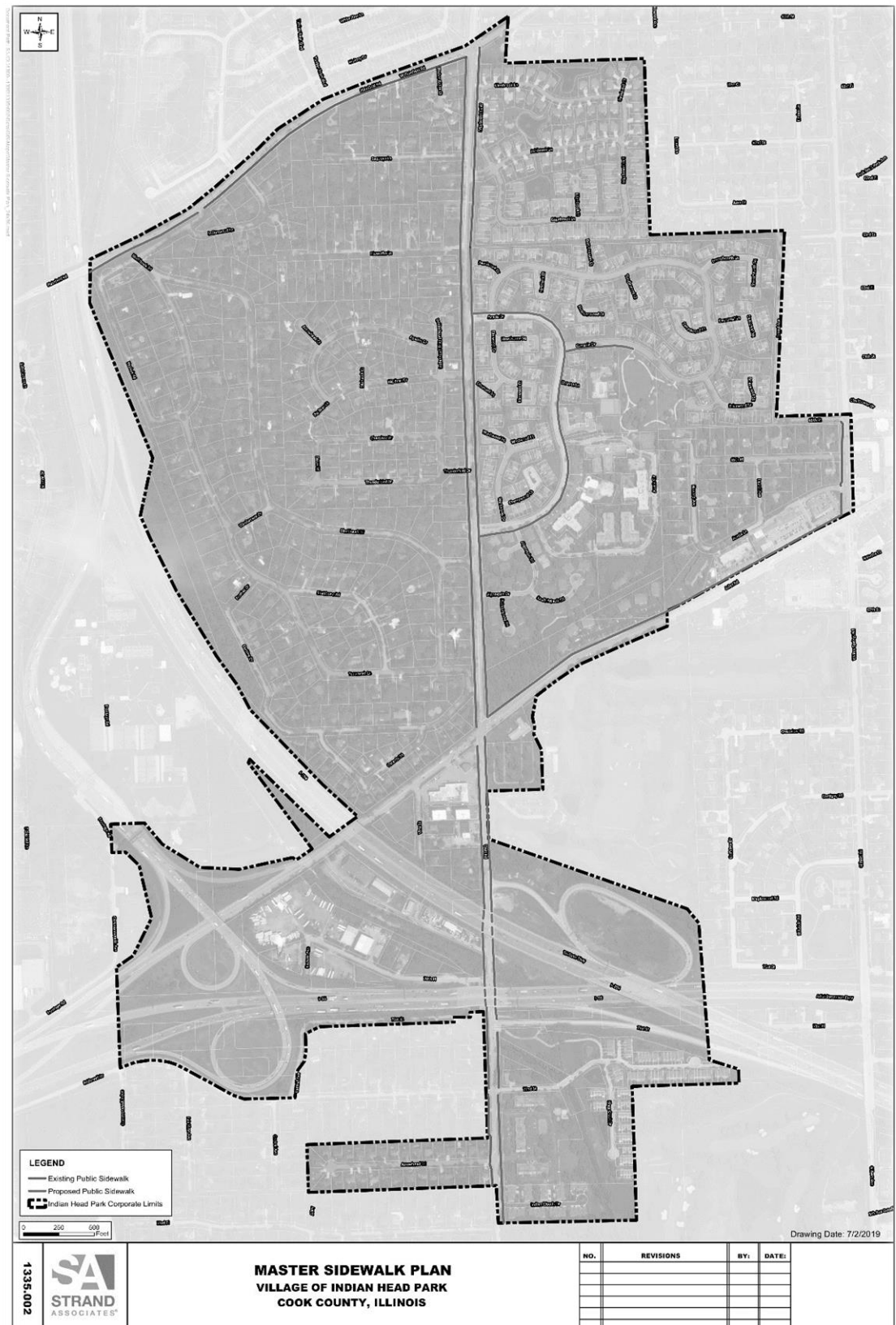
## A Note from the Village Administrator on Sidewalks continued.....

There have been statements made that a sidewalk of this nature will reduce property values. There is absolutely no evidence of this ever occurring in the United States, let alone in the State of Illinois. A review of documents from professional organizations such as the American Planning Association and the American Public Works Association indicate that there are no negative aspects associated with the installation of sidewalks in urban or suburban areas and in fact the installation of sidewalks is almost always viewed as a positive thing.

There have also been statements made that landscaping and trees will be destroyed. As a Tree City USA designated community, the Village will not let this happen. Any tree removed will be replaced.

The staff and Board of Trustees looked long and hard at this issue over the last two years. Yes, there is a vocal group from the area adjacent to Acacia Drive opposing the sidewalk, but this is

offset by the overall need of the entire Village. The Village Board did listen to the concerns of those residents and are looking to decrease the impact of the sidewalk while maintaining our goal of increasing public safety. (Pictured above: Master Sidewalk Plan rendering as of July 2019)



## IHP Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with First Annual Car Show!

On, Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Indian Head Park had almost one hundred classic, antique and special interest cars convened for the first ever “Indian Head Park Annual Car Show”. The car show which was held at the Indian Head Plaza at the corner of Wolf and Joliet Roads, was in celebration of Indian Head Park’s 60<sup>th</sup> year of being incorporated as a Village. Although the weather was hot, that did not stop the large crowd from coming out and celebrating in droves. Along with enjoying the local food and beverages supplied by Wolf’s Head Inn, Capri, Oak Pantry and The Driftwood Lounge, spectators got to listen to the local D.J. Dennis “The Big Bopper” Secara, and the Chicago-based band Srata, which played the entire show. One of the many cars was IHP resident Mark Tuene’s 1948 Lincoln Continental (pictured right) which he affectionately name “Commander Cody after the song ‘Hot Rod Lincoln’. Mr. Tuene has also tied yellow ribbons to the back of the



“Commander” to honor the Wounded Warrior program. The Village would like to thank the volunteers that made this possible; especially our Commander Joe Karmia and our retired Public Works Director, Kyle O’Connor who planned and executed the whole event. We are all looking forward to the party next year!!

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## Introducing the Kelli Joy O’Laughlin Memorial Bridge

The Plainfield Road Bridge that crosses over the I-294 Tollway will now be forever known as The Kelli Joy O’Laughlin Memorial Bridge. Pictured left are Brenda and John O’Laughlin who started the Kelli Joy Memorial Foundation, which provides scholarships to Illinois high school students. The Annual Run for Kelli, which pays tribute to Kelli’s love for running when she ran on the Highland Middle School Cross Country Team, is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> this year. To participate and help raise money, participate or sponsor this year’s Run for Kelli, please visit

[runforkelli.com](http://runforkelli.com), or visit the Kelli Joy Memorial Foundation at [kjofund2.com](http://kjofund2.com) for future fundraising events.





## Meet and Greet Our New Faces in Indian Head Park!

This summer we had a new Administrative Intern, Andy Ferrini, join our Village Staff. Andy currently lives in Downers Grove and recently graduated from Truman State University, which is located in Kirksville, Missouri, this past May. Andy is currently attending the Northern Illinois University's Graduate School, and is enrolled in the Public Administration Program and will earn his Master's Degree in two years. In his downtime, Andy enjoys reading biographical novels, biking, watching documentaries, as well as spending time with his friends and girlfriend. Andy is excited to work at Indian Head Park while earning his degree and believes that it will be an excellent first step to a future career in Municipal Government. Stop by and meet Andy at Village Hall, he will be working with Indian Head Park for the next two years until he graduates. Welcome to Indian Head Park Andy!



## Car Break-Ins Continue in Southwest Suburbs

Just a reminder that car break-ins have not slowed down in neighboring towns around Indian Head Park. Please do keep your cars in the garage if and when, at all possible times, and NEVER keep valuables or keys in your vehicles. Please remember, that if you leave your car open, they can still gain access through garage door openers. If you see or hear any suspicious activity, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.



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# INDIAN HEAD PARK NEWS AUGUST 2019

## ACACIA DRIVE SIDEWALK CONTROVERSY

Submitted by:

**The Wilshire Green Condo Association, Indian Ridge Condo Association and Acacia Townhome Association.**

**WHAT is the issue?** In June, the IHP Village Board voted 3-1, with 2 absent, to include sidewalks in the Acacia Drive project **DESPITE** 89% of area residents strongly opposed. Total cost estimate at \$1.2 million of **YOUR TAX MONEY**, 70% federal funds & 30% IHP funds.

**WHO is affected?** All residents of IHP. Those living near Acacia Drive most of all, but all taxpayers are stuck paying for it now and forever for maintenance on this **UNWANTED** sidewalk.

**WHERE is this project?** East of Wolf Road, near both Acacia entrances along outer edge of Acacia Drive between Cascade & Westwood, and from 1 Cascade to Blackhawk Park. This area was purposely planned in the 1970-80's **WITHOUT** sidewalks.

**WHEN will this happen?** Construction planned for year 2022, but village board has an engineering firm working on Phase 2 study for various road and sidewalk options. We still have time to influence the board to **REPRESENT** residents & change plans.

**WHY are residents opposed to sidewalks?** This will cause destruction of many wonderful mature trees and beautiful landscaping. Road will become narrower and less safe, with sidewalk/road closer to homes. Terrible waste of **OUR TAX MONEY**.

**WHY should you get involved?** IHP has master plan to put sidewalks in many areas of town. Do you want part of your land taken away? Want **YOUR TAX MONEY** spent on more sidewalks?

**HOW can you help?** Let our board and mayor know that you are opposed to their lack of consideration, failing to heed residents' wishes, and wasting our money on sidewalks that we **DO NOT WANT**. Attend board meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month @ 7:00 p.m. Call, email, and send letters to the board, elected officials, IDOT, and the media. **WE CAN SUCCEED** in stopping this disaster if we all work together.

**THANK YOU** for your time and helping save our neighborhood!

**Distributed on behalf of the 89% majority of residents in the affected area,  
Wilshire Green Condo Association, Indian Ridge Condo Association and Acacia  
Townhome Association.**

# IHP Encourages Residents to Sign Up for Smart911!

## What is Smart911?

The Smart911 Emergency Notification System is a fast communication service allowing the Village of Indian Head Park to notify citizens of an emergency situation. It enables the Village to provide mass notification quickly and easily. Smart911 is only part of the notification process. Other tools include this website and media outlets, such as local television and radio stations.

Examples of times when the Smart911 system could be utilized include bomb threats, utility outages, drinking water contamination, water main breaks, evacuation notices and routes, fires or floods, hostage situations, and missing persons. The system may also be used to notify citizens of non-emergency situations as necessary and appropriate.



## How to Sign up to Receive Notifications:

In order to sign up for Smart911 notifications you will need to visit [Smart911.com](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov/196/Smart911-Notifications) or the Village of Indian Head Park website, <http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov/196/Smart911-Notifications>. Once on this page follow the instructions on how to receive notifications. The Village is urging residents to sign up for this useful and free service, so that residents can be made aware of important information when needed.

## Smart911 System:

The Smart911 system will record messages to voicemail and answering machines. When there is no answer at a telephone number, Smart911 will attempt to deliver messages three times before deleting the number from the queue.

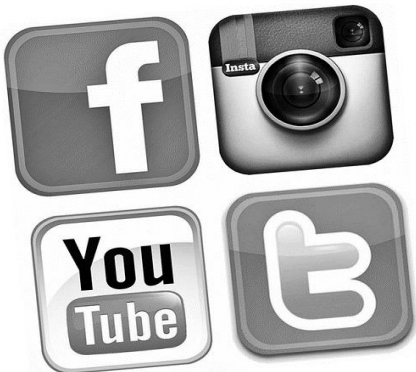
If you have caller ID installed on your phone, the Smart911 call may display as an "unknown caller"; however, the number will be (999) 911-9999. Please make a note of this, and do not disregard calls from this number!

Upon receiving a Smart911 alert do not call 9-1-1 unless instructed to do so. You will only tie up emergency lines.

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## Stay Connected & Follow The Village on Social Media!

Our Village Board, along with Mayor Hinshaw want to keep residents up-to-date as quickly as possible, while being as transparent as possible. One way of making this happen is that the Village updated our website, and incorporated social media platforms such as; Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. We encourage all residents to follow on all or any of the applications available! Monthly Board Meetings are streamed live on Facebook, and Comcast Channel 6!



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## Village Board of Trustees

Meets second Thursday of every month

7:00 pm at Village Hall

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

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